(d) whether Government will take proper action against the culprits by getting the whole matter inquired by vigilance wing; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) As reported by Coal India Limited, the Ganga Dragline was repaired /refurbished prior to 1st April 2001. The repair/refurbishment of Saraswati Dragline was done during the year 2002-03. The details of expenditure incurred are given as under:

1.	Value of spares procured from Original Equipment Manufacturer	Rs. 1466.00 lakhs
2.	Value of work off loaded to OEM (for base machining)	Rs. 13.59 lakhs
3.	Expenditure on Iron & Steel, Electrodes, Tools, insurance etc.	Rs. 52.30 lakhs
4.	Value of work off-loaded to local experienced and Accredited repairers	Rs. 53.13 lakhs
5.	Total expenditure on repair/refurbishment	Rs. 1585.02 lakhs

(b) and (c) The major repair/refurbishment was done departmentally by procurement of spares from Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/ Original Manufacturer (OM). The entire refurbishment work was done departmentally under the supervision and technical assistance of M/s Bucyrus Eric (Original Equipment Manufacturer) and M/s Bharat Earth Movers Limited (a Government of India Undertaking) who are the manufacturing partner in India of M/s Bucyrus Eric. In order to compress the repair/downtime, only some miscellaneous jobs like machining, denting and painting, welding etc. were got done from local agencies following laid down procedures, rules and regulations of the company under the supervision of NCL Engineers and OEM Engineers.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply given to parts (b) & (c) above.

Sixth Conference of Communication Ministers of NAM Countries

1663. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sixth Conference of Communication Ministers of NAM was held in Malaysia recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussion held and decision taken in the Conference; and

(c) the Government's reaction to the suggestions put forth in the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view (a) above.

Removing regulatory barriers to bring down per-minute cost

1664. SHRI VIJAYJ. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether India is divided into 23 different telecom service areas and further there are 322 long distance charging areas and 2643 as short distance charging areas;

(b) if so, does this not create complications in call charge calculations and deployment of extra man-power, thus ultimately subscriber being asked to pay; and

(c) whether a Concept Paper on 'One India' being considered for removing a number of regulatory barriers to bring down per-minute cost of providing telecom services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD), (a) As on today, India is divided in 22 Telecom Service Areas for providing Unified Access Services and Cellular Services. Further there are 322 Long Distance Charging Areas and 2647 Short Distance Charging Areas.

(b) No, Sir. It does not create complications in call charge calculations and deployment of extra man-power.

(c) Yes, Sir.